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1. On 7 January 1953, former State Secretary Willi Mayer was appointed Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. In his new position, Mayer will control the main construction and the main billeting department. In military matters, Mayer is subordinate to Lieutenant General Vinzenz Mueller.¹
2. In January 1953, State Secretary Artos Groetschel, formerly director of the main Topographic Department became the chief of the Main Department for Interior Administration. In his capacity as head of the Main Topographic Department he was succeeded by former departmental chief Gaertner (fmu).²
3. the following military installations were being constructed or projected:
 - Luftwaffenforschungsinstitut (Air Force Research Institute) in Pirna: The Banunion Sued, whose director is Erich Selbmann has the contract for the construction of this installation. The Bauverwaltung Department Billets near Torgelow: No information on the establishment of an airfield in this area is available.
 - Project 1008 Prora on Ruegen: The project allegedly includes an area of 11 sq.km requisitioned for the VP Luft.
 - Dessau project: No details are available.
 - Premnitz project: A large ammunition depot is allegedly being set up at the former fiber factory.
 - Kluess project (near Guestrow): Billets and ammunition dumps are being established in the woods.
 - Klietz project (near Frankfurt/Oder): Billets and ammunition dumps are being set up.
 - Bad Schandau/Elbe project: A former depot is being reconstructed. The purpose of the project is unknown.³
4. A submarine school has allegedly been opened in Sassnitz on Ruegen. A pilot school is said to have been opened in Warnemuende in mid-January 1953. The following identity letters were fixed by the Deputy for Economic Affairs to denote the individual branches of service: A - infantry; B - artillery; C - tank units; and D - engineer units.³

25X1A 1. Comment. This statement indicates that Mayer succeeded Major General Bernd Weinberger as Deputy for Economic Affairs in the Ministry of the Interior. Other reports stated that Weinberger became Minister for Transport and Construction Machinery.

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The Ministry of the Interior includes two different branches, i.e. the so-called Interior Administration headed by State Secretary Groetschel and the Ministry for the National Forces. Both branches are headed by Minister Willi Stoph, whose main task is the organization of the future national army.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Information on an aeronautical research institute was transmitted previously in Pirna. [REDACTED]. There were several indications of an airfield allegedly projected on Ruegen; however, they have remained unsubstantiated. Efforts have been initiated to obtain information on submarine training of the Sea Police in Sassnitz and the taking over of former German submarines from the Soviets. These statements [REDACTED] are possibly correct. An airfield of the naval air force was formerly located in Warnemuende. It appears doubtful that the activation of flying units by the Sea Police has actually been commenced. Premnitz is the winter station of the 2d Mecz Regt of the Eggesin Mecz Div. This is the first report on the construction of an ammunition plant. The Central Tank Repair Shop of the KVP and a tank ammunition depot are located at Kluess near Guestrow.

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